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SUBJECT: FRANCO'S DEATH - MESSAGE OF CARDINALS TARANCON AND
JUBANY

1. ON THE OCCASION OF FRANCO'S DEATH, CARDINAL ENRIQUE Y
TARANCO, ARCHBISHOP OF MADRID AND LEADER OF SPAIN'S
EPISCOPACY, CALLED, IN A PASTORAL MESSAGE, FOR PRAYER,
REFLEXION AND HOPE. (A) PRAYER FIRST OF ALL FOR FRANCO BUT ALSO
PRAYER THAT THE SPANISH "WILL RECOGNIZE, IMPROVE AND
INCREASE" THOSE POSITIVE RESULTS FRANCO ACHIEVED IN HIS YEARS
OF RULE; (B) REFLEXION ON THE BONDS WHICH AMONG BROTHERS
SEARCHING "TO LIVE TOGETHER HARMONIOUSLY, FREELY AND IN MUTUAL
RESPECT" WILL ENABLE SPAINARDS TO OVERCOME ANY FORM OF DIVISION;
AND (C) HOPE THAT IN SPAIN, WHICH IS TODAY A YOUNG MODERN
COUNTRY PROFOUNDLY EMBUED WITH THE IDEALS OF CIVIC EQUALITY AND
SOCIAL JUSTICE, THERE WILL CONTINUE IN FORCE CHRISTIAN VALUES.

2. IN HIS MESSAGE, CARDINAL JUBANY, ARCHBISHOP OF BARCELONA,
SAID THAT, IN THIS TIME OF REMEMBERING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
THE PAST, "WE MUST LOOK ALSO TOWARDS THE FUTURE" FOR "THE PEOPLE
OF SPAIN WISH TO BEGIN THEIR MARCH TOWARDS THE FUTURE,
ON A BASE OF TRUE LIBERTY AND PEACE." THE PEOPLE "WILL
DO WHATEVER THEY CAN SO THAT A TRUE RECONCILIATION UNITES
THEM ALL WITHIN A SANE AND AUTHENTIC PLURALISM," BUT
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PROGRESS TOWARDS SATISFYING CIVIC OBLIGATIONS DEPENDS AS

WELL ON THOSE WHO GOVERN.

3. THESE CHURCHMEN HAVE CHOSEN TO UNDERSCORE IN THESE
PASTORAL MESSAGES AT FRANCO'S DEATH THE CHURCH'S SUPPORT
FOR POLITICAL EVOLUTION, PEACEFUL BUT GENUINE.
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